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In re Patent Application of:
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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE-TAGGED
SEMICONDUCTOR NANOCRYSTALS FOR
MICROARRAY AND FLUORESCENCE IN
SITU HYBRIDIZATION

Examiner: R. Crow

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A Final Office Action dated January 10, 2008, for which a response was due on April 10, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 10, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.